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8 A.M.: 70°
2 P.M.: 83°
5 P.M.: 82°
CHANCE OF RAIN: 0%

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◆ **STATE SEN. JACK LATVALA** is removed temporarily as chairman of the Senate's top budget committee as an investigation into sexual harassment claims against him gets under way. **B1**

◆ **A FORMER PROSECUTOR** sues Orange-Osceola State Attorney Aramis Ayala on the grounds of discrimination, alleging she was transferred and then fired after a breakup with Ayala's second-in-command. **B1**

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◆ **PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP** calls for Japan to buy U.S. anti-missile batteries to counter the growing missile threat from North Korea. **A3**

◆ **A RUSSIAN LAWYER** who met with Trump's oldest son last year says Donald Trump Jr. indicated that a law targeting Russia could be re-examined if his father won the election and asked her for written evidence that illegal proceeds went to Hillary Clinton's campaign. **A3**

◆ **WITH HUNDREDS** of the Puerto Rico's hurricane-damaged businesses expected to be closed permanently — and countless others to remain closed until electricity is restored — it's unclear if, or when, multitudes of Puerto Ricans will be able to return to work. **A4**

BUSINESS

◆ **UNIVERSAL REVEALS** more details about its two new hotels that will stand at the previous site of Wet 'n Wild. **A8**

SPORTS

◆ **ORLANDO MAGIC SWINGMAN** Terrence Ross can always count on his mom, Marcine Parker, to inspire him to play well. Perhaps he should give her a call before he faces the Knicks tomorrow. **C1**

◆ **WHEN THE JETS** face the Bucs on Sunday, New York's defense won't square off against QB Jameis Winston — he needs a couple weeks off to rest his injured shoulder. **C1**

PEOPLE & ARTS

◆ ONE YEAR AFTER

 Trump was elected president, the people who drove Hillary Clinton's campaign are trying to learn lessons to help them in future elections. **A2**

TOP STORY

Massacre followed 'domestic situation'



PHOTOS BY NICK WAGNER/ASSOCIATED PRESS (ABOVE), ERIC GAY/ASSOCIATED PRESS (BELOW)

Sheree Rumph of San Antonio prays Monday over two of the 26 crosses erected in memory of the 26 people killed Sunday during services at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

Apparent Air Force oversight let gunman purchase weapons

BY EVA RUTH MORAVEC AND MARK BERMAN

Washington Post

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas — The massacre of more than two dozen churchgoers — the youngest of whom was just 18 months old — occurred amid an ongoing “domestic situation” involving the gunman and his relatives, some of whom had attended the church, law enforcement officials said Monday.

■ **Two men chase shooter following attack, A6**

Also on Monday, the Air Force launched an internal review into why it failed to provide key information to the FBI that should have prevented the attacker from purchasing firearms. While serving in the Air Force, the gunman — Devin Patrick Kelley, 26 — was convicted by a general court-martial on two charges of domestic assault.

The Air Force said his offense was not entered into a national database, which meant he was able to pass background checks to purchase weapons. Kelley was convicted on charges of assaulting his then-



Pastor Frank Pomeroy and his wife, Sherri, join a news conference Monday. Their 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle, died in Sunday's attack.

wife and stepson and served 12 months in confinement before being released in 2014 with a bad-conduct discharge.

“Federal law prohibited him from buying or possessing firearms after this conviction,” Ann Stefane, an Air Force spokeswoman, said in a statement.

In the aftermath of Sunday's attack, investigators had questioned how Kelley, who spent a year behind

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Irma debris burns, turns into mulch

BY STEPHEN HUDAK

Staff Writer

The bulk of Hurricane Irma's storm debris in Central Florida is gone — or soon will be, scooped up by a fleet of contractors with claw trucks and hauled away.

But what becomes of it? Most goes to landfills or other drop-off sites approved and inspected by the state Department of Environmental Protection. From there, local governments are using a variety of methods — including burning and mulching — to get rid of uprooted trees, limbs and other vegetative debris,



RED HUBER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers load hurricane debris into a grinder to be processed into mulch at a site east of the Orlando Executive Airport.

which in Orange County alone would nearly fill the pre-iceberg Titanic.

“Picking up and removing the debris is only half the job. Disposing of it is an additional

challenge and cost,” said Apopka Mayor Joe Kilsheimer, who believes the city will save \$700,000 in disposal cost by

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Scott pushes \$180M plan with tax holidays, fee cuts for 2018

BY GRAY ROHRER

Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Motorists could get license fee reductions, and back-to-school shoppers would have more time to get discounts next year under a plan re-

leased Monday by Gov. Rick Scott. Scott's proposal would cut taxes and fees by \$180 million, his smallest tax-cut package of his two terms in office.

Even though state economists are predicting a likely shortfall because of Hurricane Irma costs,

Scott said he thinks there is plenty of room in the budget to slice taxes.

“Our revenues are growing, and part of it is because we've been cutting taxes year after year after year,” Scott told reporters in Sanford during an event about his

plan.

If adopted by lawmakers, drivers license renewal fees would be reduced from \$48 to \$20, the new license fee would drop from \$48 to \$27, and commercial licenses

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FSU halts sorority, fraternity activities

Death, drug arrest prompt penalties

BY JOE REEDY

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State University indefinitely suspended its fraternities and sororities Monday after the suspected alcohol-related death of a freshman pledge and cocaine charges for another fraternity member.

University President John Thrasher did not say how long the suspension would last.



Thrasher

“This pause is needed to review and reflect on the loss of a young life and to implement serious changes,” Thrasher said. “For this suspension to end, there will need to be a new normal for Greek life on campus. They must participate in that culture.”

Florida State is at least the third university this year to suspend Greek life because of alcohol-related tragedies. After the February hazing death of 19-year-old Timothy Piazza, Pennsylvania State University suspended fraternities and sororities from having social activities during the spring semester.

Louisiana State University had a one-month suspension and continues to ban alcohol at Greek parties after the hazing death of

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Site helps lawyers find pro-bono matches

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Attorneys who want to help low-income Floridians in need of legal assistance can now take the same approach they use when looking for take-out, a new home or a date: Online matchmaking from a site built by two Orlando lawyers-turned-entrepreneurs.

About 30 organizations statewide have posted more than 300 cases to FloridaProBonoMatters.org since February as the site launched in Miami and expanded to more cities, including the Orlando area, Tampa and Jacksonville.

About 120 of those cases have been picked up, said Eli Mattern, co-founder and chief executive of SavvySuit, the small Orlando-based company that built the website.

The American Bar Association encourages lawyers to volunteer at least 50 hours a year for pro-

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What To Do Today

GET OUT AND VOTE

Several cities throughout Central Florida have elections today. Three City Council seats are being decided in Orlando, plus more offices are up for grabs in Brevard, Lake, Seminole and Volusia counties. Find out more on the Orlando races on page B2 and at ORLANDOSENTINEL.COM/POLITICS.

